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OF

JOHN BURR'S

New Kansas Grape,

"EARLY VICTOR,"

FOR THE

Fall of 1881 and the Spring of '82.

JOHN BURR,

LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

The Early Victor

In offering this new grape to the public, I will state that after eight years of fruiting it is found to possess those most important qualities, perfect hardiness, healthfulness, great vigor, and enormous productiveness, without the least sign of mildew on leaf or fruit, or bursting of the fruit (when ripe) after heavy rains, (to which most kinds are subject); bunch and berry medium size, tender, sweet, rich and pure flavored; berry round, black, covered with fine blue bloom, making a very handsome, compact, and attractive bunch It ripens very early, quite two weeks before the Concord and one before Moore's Early, the quality far superior to either. It also makes a fine high-flavored wine of great excellence.

It is being tested in ten different states, accounts from all of which show its very healthy and vigorous growth. It has fruited in Missouri, Penn'a, Ohio and Connecticut, and proves entirely successful. I have no doubt it can be grown anywhere where grapes can be grown successfully, and is the grape for the million.

Price List—Fall of 1881 and Spring of 1882.

One year vines, first class	$1 00	each.
Two year vines, strong	1 50	"
Three year vines, extra	2 50	"
One dozen one year vines	10 00	
One dozen two year vines	15 00	

Special prices to large dealers.

TESTIMONIALS.

From many testimonials the following are submitted:

BLUFFTON, Mo., August 20, 1880.

FRIEND BURR: The box of grapes received. The Victor still, in my opinion, the best. It is a real treasure in itself. SAML. MILLER.

BLUFFTON, Mo., February 13, 1880.

FRIEND BURR: Your letter and the Victor wine received. The wine is beautiful and a most excellent article even now, but it is by no means at its best, for it will improve greatly by keeping. Age will make a splendid wine of it.

SAML. MILLER.

MR. J. BURR: You wish to know my opinion of your Early Victor grape. I will state that, after several years' observation, I find it not only a very fine early market grape, ripening before the Hartford, but unexcelled in its class as a wine grape, making naturally a light-colored wine of great body and of the finest bouquet. Having grown it myself, I find it not only hardy but remarkably vigorous and healthy. DOCT. J. STAYMAN.

I regard the Early Victor, as far as tested, as the best and most promising early black grape that I have ever seen. I have grown it four years and fruited it twice. It has always made a good and perfectly healthy growth, with strong, thick, native foliage of the Labrusca type; in quality rich, pleasant and sprightly, with small seeds and very little pulp; fine flavored, without astringency or coarseness; it shows no tendency to fall from the cluster when over-ripe. It is very early in ripening, I believe earlier than Hartford, or Moore's Early, or any other black variety I have grown. GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

DELAWARE, Ohio.

Samuel Miller to Prof. Husmann, and Published in Rural World.

FRIEND HUSMANN: The Early Victor grape, grown from seed by John Burr, of Leavenworth, Kan., is certainly the best of the early black grapes that has come to my notice; bunch medium to pretty large; berry size of Isabella; black, with handsome blue bloom; pulp soft and sweet, as well as rich; thin skin; the vine is vigorous, healthy foliage, and uncommonly productive. It ripens about a week before the Hartford.

This is to certify that I have seen John Burr's seedling grape Early Victor for several seasons, and find it perfectly hardy and healthy, a very vigorous grower, and ripens before Ives' seedling. It is about the same size in berry and bunch, but more compact and a much better grape, and produces a red wine of the highest bouquet and excellence of any grape of the Labrusca class that I have seen, and I believe will make equally as good white wine. I will further state that I was one of a committee of eight grape growers and wine makers appointed to examine the wine made from the Early Victor grape, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that it was the best new red wine of the above class that they had ever tasted.

FRANCIS GODARD.

January 17, 1880.

This is to certify that I have sampled the Early Victor wine made by John Burr, of Leavenworth, Kan., and find it not only good in color and flavor, but superior in purity to any that I have sampled in the state. Having been raised in the wine regions of Italy, and having the greater portion of my life handled wines, I consider myself a competent judge. THOS. GIACOMINI.

February 4, 1880.

Probably it may interest you to know how your Early Victor grape succeeds in Lancaster, Pa. It has been colored near two weeks, though not in full perfection; is really a good grape, and from its early ripening will become a truly valuable grape. (The Hartford, our earliest grape, is not yet fully colored.) The Victor so far is entirely healthy, leaves dark green, while many of my other varieties are dropping their leaves owing to the severe drouth. J. B. GARBER.

COLUMBIA, Penn., August 13, 1881.

TERMS CASH.

For the price named, small vines and packages sent free by mail, well and carefully packed.

Large vines and packages will go in better condition by express.

In ordering please give name plain, with postoffice address and name of state.

JOHN BURR,

Leavenworth, Kan.

EARLY VICTOR GRAPE.

THIS CUT SHOWS AN EXACT COPY OF A MEDIUN SIZED CLUSTER.